



July 25, 2011

NICOLE AGUILAR COMPLIANCE MANAGER KANDI USA INC. 10955 ARROW ROUTE SUITE 101 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730 NVS-215dgl 11V-354

SUBJECT: REFLEX REFLECTOR/FMVSS 108

DEAR MS. AGUILAR:

This letter serves to acknowledge Kandi USA Inc.'s (Kandi) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment," in the products described below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to Federal law.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

### Makes/Models/Model Years:

KANDI COCO/KD08E/2008-2010 KANDI COCO/KD18E/2010

NHTSA Campaign Number: 11V-354

Mfg's Report Date: July 12, 2011

**Components:** EXTERIOR LIGHTING: TAIL LIGHTS

**Potential Number of Units Affected: 595** 

## **Summary:**

KANDI IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2008-2010 KDO8E VEHICLES MANUFACTURED FROM OCTOBER 1, 2007, THROUGH MAY 1, 2011, AND MODEL YEAR 2010 KD18E VEHICLES MANUFACTURED FROM MARCH 3, 2010, THROUGH MAY 17, 2011. THESE VEHICLES WERE BUILT WITHOUT REAR SIDE REFLECTORS; THEREFORE, FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 108, "LAMPS, REFLECTIVE DEVICES, AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT."

### **Consequence:**

INAPPROPRIATE, NON-STANDARD LIGHTS AND REFLECTORS COULD REDUCE VISIBILITY OF VEHICLES INCREASING THE POTENTIAL FOR A CRASH.

# Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSTALL THE REFLECTORS FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JULY 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT KANDI AT 1-909-941-4588.

#### **Notes:**

KANDI SAFETY RECALL NO. LA9/ZKD. OWNERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366-9525, or by email at <a href="mailto:Delia.lopez@dot.gov">Delia.lopez@dot.gov</a>, or through the office email at <a href="mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov">RMD.ODI@dot.gov</a>. We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Timian

Chief, Recall Management Division

Office of Defects Investigation

Enforcement